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Re: MASUDA et al, Serial No. 10/647,319  
 Att'y Docket 520.34403C12  
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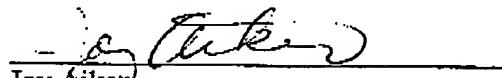
**SUBMISSION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby transmits the attached "AMENDMENT, PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION and CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM" (21 pages) regarding the above-identified application.

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I hereby certify that the attached "Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time, Request for Continued Examination and Credit Card Payment Form" (21 pages) is being **FORMALLY TRANSMITTED** via the USPTO Central Fax No. 703-872-9306 on **14 February 2005**.

  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MASUDA et al

Serial No.: 10/647,319

Filed: August 26, 2003

For: Plasma Etching Apparatus

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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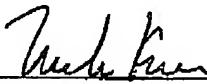
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed September 14, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.34403C12).

Respectfully submitted,

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